

REMARKS

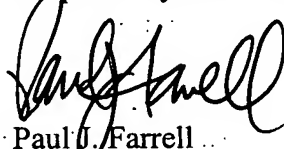
The Examiner has stated that the claims of the present application contain patentably distinct subspecies and is requiring restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

- Embodiment 1: Figures 3-7, a key input device for a portable communication device; and
- Embodiment 2: Figures 8 and 9, another embodiment of a key input device for a portable communication device.

In response to this Office Action, Applicants respectfully elect Embodiment 1, with traverse, for prosecution in this case, depicted in FIGs. 3-7 and claimed in Claims 1-13. Each of independent Claims 1, 8, 11, 12 and 13 read on Embodiment 1. It is noted that Claims 8-13 are generic to both embodiments identified by the Examiner. Applicants request that all claims be examined in this application.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below. An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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